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ANKARA AND PARIS FOR DEA

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SNAR, JO, SY  
SUBJECT: DEA EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM

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1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED MEMORANDUM OF MAY 22 FROM DIRECTOR DEA REGIONAL OFFICE PARIS ON SUBJECT OF PARTICIPATION OF JORDANIAN AND SYRIAN NARCOTICS OFFICERS IN DEA'S EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM. WE ARE INFORMED THAT DEPT HAS TURNED DOWN LONG-STANDING DEA PROPOSAL THAT COL. YOUSUF CHARAIBEH, DIRECTOR OF ANTI-NARCOTICS DEPT OF JORDANIAN PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES (PSF) AND HIS SYRIAN COUNTERPART, COL. KOSA, PARTICIPATE IN EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM IN FY 79. WE UNDERSTAND THAT REJECTION OF CANDIDATES BASED ON THEIR LACK OF SENIORITY WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE POLICE ORGANIZATIONS. SUBSEQUENT COMPROMISE REPORTEDLY REACHED BETWEEN STATE AND DEA STIPULATING THAT COLONELS MAY PARTICIPATE ONLY IF THEIR DIRECTOR GENERALS ACCOMPANY THEM.

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2. WE HAVE NOT YET MENTIONED PROPOSED COMPROMISE SOLUTION TO GOJ, IT PRESENTS SEVERAL SERIOUS PROBLEMS WHICH WE WISH FIRST TO BRING TO DEPT'S ATTENTION. JORDAN IS A COUNTRY OF TWO MILLION PEOPLE AND ITS SECURITY FORCE IS CORRESPONDINGLY SMALL. INSISTENCE THAT BOTH DIRGEN AND HIS DIRECTOR OF ANTI-NARCOTICS, COUNTERFEIT CONTROL AND

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISIONS PARTICIPATE TOGETHER IN PROGRAM LEVIES FAR TOO HEAVY A BURDEN ON PSF'S LEADERSHIP. PSF DIRGEN NOT ONLY DIRECTS FULL TRADITIONAL RANGE OF POLICE RESPONSIBILITIES, BUT IS ALSO MOST SENIOR INTELLIGENCE AND INTERNAL SECURITY OFFICER IN JORDAN. IN ADDITION, GOJ IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN ESTABLISHING GROUNDWORK FOR REGIONAL POLICE COOPERATION; PSF DIRGEN THUS SPENDS INCREASING AMOUNT OF TIME IN MEETINGS WITH ARAB COUNTERPARTS TO ORGANIZE ARAB INTERPOL, ARAB ANTI-TERRORISM COORDINATING GROUP AND SIMILAR WOTHWHILE ORGANIZATIONS. BELIEVE IT IS THEREFORE ASKING TOO MUCH TO STIPULATE THAT HE SET ASIDE THESE RESPONSIBILITIES TO ATTEND PROGRAM FROM WHICH ONE OF HIS SENIOR BURUEAU DIRECTORS WOULD DERIVE GREATER LONG-TERM BENEFIT.

3. DIRGEN HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN AWARE OF EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM AND HAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT COL. GHARAIBEH HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN IT AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY IN ORDER TO APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE NEW IDEAS TO PSF OPERATIONS. (SEE REFTEL.) PROGRAM AS DESCRIBED TO PSF AND ENC BY DEA IS INDEED BEST SUITED TO SENIOR WORKING LEVEL OF COL. GHARAIBEH. WE CANNOT IN ANY CASE AGREE WITH DEPT'S EVALUATION OF COL. GHARAIBEH AS "MIDDLE-LEVEL". IT IS FURTHERMORE AWKWARD AND DEMEANING FOR GOJ TO BE TOLD THAT SENIOR POLICE OFFICIAL WITH WHOM WE SHARE BEST OF RELATIONS CANNOT PARTIC-  
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IPATE UNLESS HE ABLE TO BRING HIS DIRGEN ALONG. ARABIYYAT HAS FULL CONFIDENCE IN COL. GHARAIBEH; GHARAIBEH IS PROFESSIONAL POLICE OFFICER WHO HAS RISEN THROUGH RANKS OF PSF AND WILL NO DOBUT ATTAIN POSITIONS OF EVEN GREATER AUTHORITY WITHIN POLICE ORGANIZATIONS. GEN. ARABIYYAT IS MILITARY OFFICER, SECONDED FROM ARMY AS GIRGEN OF PSF. HE WILL MOST LIKELY FINISH OUT HIS CAREER IN MILITARY, NOT IN POLICE. THIS IS BUT ONE OF SEVERAL REASONS ALREADY TOUCHED UPON FOR ARABIYYAT'S RELUCTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROGRAM WHEN ONE OS HIS DEPUTIES WITH LONG EXPERIENCE IN POLICE WORK WOULD BENEFIT MUCH MORE USEFULLY FROM EXPOSURE TO U.S. LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATIONS. IN ADDITION, RATHER THAN EXPEND FUNDS ON WHAT WOULD BE VIEWED HERE AS UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OF TRAINING, PSF WOULD MUCH PREFER THAT FUNDS SAVED BY SENDING COLONELS ALONE BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR MUCH-NEEDED EXPANDED AND VARIED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR POLICE OFFICERS.

4. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER JOINT TRAINING PROPOSAL PRESENTS SIMILAR PROBLEMS FOR EMBASSY DAMASCUS. REQUEST NEVERTHELESS THAT DEPT SERIOUSLY RECONSIDER ITS REJECTION OF CANDIDACIES OF COLONELS GHARAIBEH AND KOSA

IN VIEW OF POINTS RAISED ABOVE. GOJ IS INDEED INTER-  
ESTED IN TAKING ACTIVE ROLE IN COMBATTING USE AND  
TRAFFICKING OF NARCOTICS, AN INTEREST INITIALLY EVOKED  
BY STRONG EXPRESSION OF USG COMMITMENT TO COMBATTING  
PROBLEM WORLD-WIDE. CONTINUED USG SUPPORT IN TERMS OF  
TRAINING AS WELL AS IN COOPERATION ON SPECIFIC CASES  
IS ESSENTIAL INDICATOR TO GOJ THAT USG ENTHUSIASM HAS  
NOT WANED.

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